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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendment:


In the Specification:

On page 1, before the first full paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Ser. Nos. 09/971,115 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SHARING END USER INFORMATION ON NETWORK"; 09/971,321 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING PROVIDER NETWORK LOCATIONS BASED ON USER PROVIDED CODES"; 09/971,369 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIRECTING END USER TO NETWORK LOCATION OF PROVIDER BASED ON USER PROVIDED CODES"; and 09/971,093 entitled "METHOD AND

SYSTEM FOR DIRECTING END USER TO SELECTED NETWORK LOCATION OF
PROVIDER BASED ON USER PROVIDED CODES", each filed on October 4, 2001.

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